

THE 13 BLACK LIVES MATTER GUIDING PRINCIPLES

COLLECTIVE VALUE	Valuing all Black lives, regardless of actual or perceived sexual identity, gender identity, gender expression, economic status, ability, disability, religious beliefs or disbeliefs, immigration status or location
DIVERSITY	Acknowledging, respecting and celebrating difference(s) and commonalities
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	Intentionally building and nurturing a beloved community that is bonded together through a beautiful struggle that creates justice for all in restorative, not depleting, ways
GLOBALISM	Seeing ourselves as part of the global Black family and understanding how we are impacted or privileged by our positioning in the world
BLACK VILLAGES	Disrupting the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and "villages" that collectively care for one another
BLACK WOMEN	Building a Black women affirming space free from sexism, misogyny, and male-centeredness
LOVING ENGAGEMENT	Embodying and practicing justice, liberation, and peace in our engagements with one another.
EMPATHY	Practicing empathy by engaging comrades with the intent to learn about and connect with their contexts.
QUEER AFFIRMING	Freeing ourselves from the tight grip of heteronormative thinking to create a queer-affirming network
TRANSGENDER AFFIRMING	Embracing and making space for trans brothers and sisters to participate and lead, while being self-reflexive and doing the work required to dismantle cis-gender privilege and uplift Black trans folk
UNAPOLOGETICALLY BLACK	In affirming that Black Lives Matter, we need not qualify our position. Loving and desiring freedom and justice for ourselves is a necessary prerequisite for wanting the same for others
BLACK FAMILIES	Making our spaces family-friendly and enable parents to fully participate with their children and dismantle patriarchal practices
INTERGENERATIONAL	Fostering an intergenerational, communal network free from ageism

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WEEK OF ACTION DEMANDS

- ★ **END ZERO TOLERANCE** RESTORATIVE JUSTICE IN ALL SCHOOLS
- ★ **HIRE BLACK TEACHERS**
- ★ **MANDATE BLACK HISTORY & ETHNIC STUDIES**
- ★ **FUND COUNSELORS NOT COPS**